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1. During October 1951 the Chinese Communists sent the following material to Vietnam:

10 Soviet-made rocket launchers.

16 mountain field guns.

210 cases, labeled in Russian, of Soviet-made light and heavy machine guns.

4,000 cases of rifle ammunition (made in the Liuchou Arsenal).

400 cases of trench mortar and artillery ammunition (primarily mortar ammunition, made in Nanking).

1,200 cases of wooden-handled grenades.

2,000 land mines weighing 50 kilograms each (sic).

120 cases of small arms.

120 cases of trench mortar ammunition (made in Mukden).

500 cases of 60 mm artillery ammunition.

1,000 tons of food.

40 cases of medical instruments.

60 cases of medicine.

An unknown quantity of other material, including motor tires, iron and steel machinery, and spare parts for motor vehicles.

2. This material was delivered to Nanning from Hankow by special train, where it was received by the Joint Sino-Soviet-Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Supply and Service Command, and sent in a number of shipments

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to Vietnam via Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09), Lungchou (106-56, 22-22), and P'inghsiang (106-44, 22-06).

3. From 1 to 30 November 1951, the Joint Sino-Soviet-DRV Supply and Service Command delivered about 1,400 tons of material to DRV personnel at P'inghsiang and Chinghsi.
4. All material delivered at P'inghsiang arrived by train at the end of November, and included the following:
 - 800 tons of food.
 - 200 tons of raw cotton.
 - 100 tons of cotton cloth (including Soviet "flower style").
 - 150 tons of gasoline.
5. The material delivered at Chinghsi consisted chiefly of military supplies and ammunition, and included the following:
 - 10 trucks (2 1/2-ton).
 - 5 tons of mountain gun ammunition.
 - 10 tons of trench mortar ammunition.
 - 20 tons of rifle and machine gun ammunition (in wooden cases, most of them marked "Issued by Central and South China Ordnance Administration").
 - 15 tons of guns and weapons.
 - 15 tons of armament equipment (including spare parts for arsenal machinery).
 - 3 tons of medical supplies and drugs.
6. Four warehouses were under construction north of the railroad station at P'inghsiang, probably for storage of supplies for the DRV.

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